



Flathead County
Emergency Medical Services
Administrative Board

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EMS Administrative Board Meeting
October 24, 2011
Flathead Emergency Communications Center

Members Present

Wayne Miller, MD
Velinda Stevens
Bob Kun
Chuck Curry

Others Present

Mary Granger
Scott Sampey
Wayne Loeffler
Richard Briles
Jerry Thornburg
Kris Long
Lance Westgard
James Brower

Absent

Jason Spring

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Miller at 1:33p.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve agenda as received, Curry

SECOND, Stevens

Approved

Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve Minutes for August 15, 2011 with no modifications, Kun

SECOND, Curry

Approved

Citizen Comments

None

Financial Report- Mary Granger presented the board the financial report as of October 3, 2011

Medical Director Report- Dr. Briles reported on the County Run Reviews that were conducted in October; there were 5 cases that he reviewed with the local responders. He will be doing another run review in December. Granger and Dr. Briles attended the Resuscitation Academy in Seattle in October. The Academy focused on improving the salvage rate for cardiac arrest patients. Seattle's system teaches personal to detect early heart attacks. Seattle's save rate for Ventricular Fibrillation using this system is about 52%. They call a save as a person that walks out of the hospital. The goal is to train all the units in the county on what is called High Performance CPR. Granger and Briles will determine what the county Cardiac Arrest statistics are at this time by looking at the runs from January 1st 2011 to December 31, 2011. Then they will track the cardiac arrests starting Jan. 1, 2012 to see if our changes are showing improvement. Dr. Miller stated that he would like to see us track a patient from the 911 call

through the discharge out of the hospital. Granger added that the Academy was a great experience and the Seattle Medical Director reviews every ALS call each morning and is responsible for about 70 Paramedics. We are moving forward with some of the changes within the system, like EMD and dispatcher training.

Advisory Group Report- Kris Long reported from the Advisory Group. The group discussed the funding formula and Granger recommended that actual run volumes from May to October and November to April be used; everyone agreed. The question came up about units not meeting their MOU requirements. Lance Westgard asked the Board what they thought about agencies that are not meeting the requirements of the MOU's. Velinda Stevens suggested that we send the units a formal written request to those agencies that are in question to provide proof that they have met the requirements of the MOU. Dr. Miller stated that the Administrative Board's responsibility is funding and if an agency is not meeting the requirements of the MOU they need to be audited. If an agency is providing service into another agency's area on a regular basis that agency providing service needs to report to the board so that the board can research the issue and then act on the findings. The Administrative Board needs to be the one that acts on the agencies that are not meeting requirements not the Advisory Group.

Supply Purchasing- James Brower is researching a method getting supplies through the hospital for the area units to reduce cost. David Brabham would like one agency to do all of the ordering and act as the distribution center; we would like them to bill each agency separately like the pharmacy does now. Velinda Stevens will check on this issue. Flathead EMS and KRMC have set up a way to get a back-up air ambulance if needed from Missoula. EMD update- Mary Granger, Scott Sampey, Kris Long, and Dispatchers have been working on training the dispatchers on the new EMD.

Training Report- James Brower reported on the Training schedule.

Train the Trainer- Rocco Altobelli instructed 8 personal on developing key strategies in teaching, simulation and debriefing strategies.

Paramedic Refresher- Rocco Altobelli is the instructor. There are 14 students in this class. Two days have been completed and the last two days will be on October 29th and November 12th.

Basic Refresher- (October) Justin Woods was the instructor. 8 EMT's completed this class.

Basic Refresher- (January) Flathead County EMS will be providing two EMT-Basic refresher classes in January due to the number of personal needing this class, 29 have signed up already.

Basic Class- About half way through the class and has 16 students.

GEMS- in September North Valley Hospital hosted a Geriatric Education class, had 22 people in this class.

Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium- Flathead County EMS sponsored 53 hospital and pre-hospital personnel to attend this conference. The conference had great speakers and presentations. Granger added that there where about 300 people that attended this from all over the US, this was one of the largest turnouts for this conference. Granger also stated that Kalispell Regional Medical Center did a great job with the coordination portion of the conference. Dr. Miller added that Dr. Rotondo is the Chair of the Committee on Trauma,

American College of Surgeons is a very well known doctor and to have someone of his caliber as a speaker at the symposium speaks to the quality of the symposium.

Monthly CEU- November- Kris Long will be doing a class on the Abuse of Psychoactive this is new kind of drug that is making its presence in the valley.

December- County Run Reviews with Dr. Briles (focused on CPR calls)

Bigfork Fire & Lake County Response- Wayne Loeffler reported on their calls into Lake County. Bigfork receives \$2,500.00 per year from Lake County for medical response. July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 Bigfork had 117 calls in Lake County and from July 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 Bigfork has had 43 calls in Lake County. Dr. Miller asked if Chief Loeffler knows how many residents that are in their response area. Chief Loeffler did not know. Dr. Miller stated that if Lake County had an EMS levy that Bigfork should get the amount that Lake County collects from those residents they serve. If Chief Loeffler would like the boards help in trying to secure more funds from Lake County all he would have to do is ask.

Protocol Blending- James Brower updated the board on the blending of the state BLS protocols and the ALS County protocols. When they are done all of the protocols will be in one book for all county responders.

EMS Manager's Report- Mary Granger

Granger reported that James Brower has fit in well with the staff and is doing well on learning the job. He has taken over the organization of the training and supplies. Granger and Sampey went to Las Vegas for a conference, it was good. Granger really liked the MCI drill they did, she compared it to the one Flathead County did last year and took some great ideas away. She also went to a drug security class, she brought home that it is not Flathead EMS job to write a drug policy for the agencies it is their job and we will be asking for a copy of their policies so Dr. Briles can review them.

EMD – Granger updated the Board on the EMD training progress, the first class they instructed was done the way King County told them how to teach it. After the first class was done the Granger changed some of the slides and formed it more to our area. The other three classes went very well; they still have a few more short classes to go. Granger stated that the state had an issue with the printer and the flip charts are not done. Sampey is working with New World on the CAD interface so we can move into the computer version. Dr. Briles asked why we need to go to the computer version and why not stay with the flip charts. Chuck Curry explained that the computer system is quicker for the dispatchers. With the flip charts they must go back and forth between chart and the computer and with a computer system it is all right in front of them. Granger has started to go around to the units and introduced them to the new EMD, she has completed Whitefish, two shifts at Kalispell, West Valley Fire, North Valley Hospital doctor's, KRMC doctor's and Kris Long has done Smith Valley. Also with this system we are going to code all calls and so we can track the calls and a committee will be formed to review the EMD so we can make sure that calls are being dispatched properly.

HP CPR - Granger reported that she will be starting to teach the High Performance CPR classes to all the units, ACLS is right in line with this so the paramedics should get this fast.

Flu Shots - Granger reported that Flathead County EMS will pay the \$10.00 fee for the vaccine and the units will have to pay the \$15.00 administration fee of the yearly flu shots.

There has been some concern on this issue; Granger feels that this cost should be an operational cost for the agencies and not for the EMS office to pay. The board agreed.

Other Business/future Agenda Requests

Funding Formula

Old Business

Dr. Miller reported that the Rules and Regulations need to be updated he and Mary Granger will start reviewing them.

Board Member Comments

Velinda Stevens reported that January 1, 2012 KRMC will have the Fixed Wing transport along with their ground transport for inter-facility transfers operational.

Dr. Miller commented on a phone call that he received about a call asking why our dispatch center can't transfer all 911 calls to another area code. It was explained that each dispatch center is separate and are not linked together.

Next meeting scheduled for November 21, 2011

Meeting Adjourned 14:52

James Brower, Recorder